(*c*) of this expenditure how much was spent for acquisition, construction of houses and such other items of a permanent and "capital investment" nature; how much was spent for items of a recurring nature, *e.g.*, agriculture, thatching of houses, etc.;

(*d*) whether the enquiry (survey) committee appointed by the Advisory Committee made any recommendation with regard to the future management of the Depressed Classes colonies?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Rs. 9,059—9—5.

	Rs.	A.	P.
(*b*) (*i*) Land acquisition	1,113	4	0
(*ii*) Allowance of Colony Managers ..	868	4	0
(*iii*) Thatching of colony houses ..	3,319	0	0
(*iv*) Relief given to the colonists due to cyclone ..	2,400	0	0
(*v*) Construction and maintenance of houses, Bhajana mutt, Industrial sheds, Latrine & Kitchen houses, etc. ..	1,359	1	5
(*c*) (*i*) Land acquisition and construction of houses, etc. of permanent and capital investment nature .	2,472	5	5
(*ii*) Allowance of Managers, thatching of houses and relief works, etc., of a recurring nature ..	6,587	4	0

(*d*) The enquiry committee has not made any recommendation for any change in the policy hitherto pursued by the Department regarding the management of Depressed Classes colonies.

HARIJAN DAY—CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT

290. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any contribution was made from Government funds for the celebration of the Harijan day in connection with the All-India Swadeshi Exhibition, Trichur, in 1116;

(*b*) what were the resolutions passed in the public meeting held in connection with the Harijan day;

(*c*) at whose request was Government contribution made?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes. Rs. 15.

(*b*) A copy of the resolution is appended. *(Appendix II).*

(*c*) On the representations made by the conveners, *viz.*, A. C. Raman and A. K. Chennan, Trichur.

COIR DEPOT AT MATTANCHERI—PARTICULARS REGARDING

291. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the coir depot at Mattancheri opened at the instance of the Government is transacting any business at present;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the receipts and disbursements on various items for the first 5 months of 1117 may be given in a tabular form;

(*c*) who is the present Manager of the Depot, his qualification, terms of service, pay;

(*d*) who was the former Manager and what was his pay;

(*e*) whether there was not a proposal under the consideration of Government to transfer the management of the Depot to a Co-operative Society;

(*f*) whether any decision was made with regard to this proposal?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Statement appended. *(Appendix III).*

(*c*) Mr. P. A. Zainuddin. Can read and write English, Malayalam and Hindustani. Experience in coir business. Appointed until further orders on a temporary basis. Pay Rs. 60

(*d*) Mr. T. N. Menon—Rs. 75.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. Government decided to continue the depot under their management for the present.

TUBE WELLS IN THE LITTORAL TRACTS—OFFICER TO LOOK AFTER AND REPAIR—APPOINTMENT OF

292. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the assurance given on the floor of this House that a hand would be appointed to repair and look after the tube wells in the littoral tracts has been carried out;

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(*b*) whether the Government are aware that almost all these tube wells have been out of order for a long time and are incapable of being used;

(*c*) whether they have taken the trouble to have the water of these tube wells scientifically tested to ascertain whether it is fit for human consumption?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) A Work Superintendent has already been appointed to look after the tube wells.

(*b*) The wells in Cranganur Taluk have already been repaired and are giving a good supply of pure water. The remaining wells in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk are being repaired and will be completed soon. There was difficulty in getting materials and tools for the repair work.

(*c*) Yes. Water obtained from tube wells was sent to the Maharaja's College Laboratory and got examined and is found fit for human consumption.

TANK—SINKING OF—PATTANCHERI

293. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what the report of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats was regarding the sinking of a tank in Pattancheri;

(*b*) how many times has he reported regarding the same;

(*c*) will they be pleased to place the reports on the table;

(*d*) what is the road for which the amount budgetted for the tank is to be utilised;

(*e*) what is the extent of the road;

(*f*) what is the traffic along the road;

(*g*) will this amount be sufficient for a pucca metalled road?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Proposing the sinking of a public tank.

(*b*) Three times.

(*c*) Copies of the reports are placed on the table.

(*d*) The Panchayat has proposed to utilise the amounts for improving communication facilities. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

(*e*), (*f*) and (*g*) Please see answer to (*d*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Was it not as a result of the enquiry made on the petitions and representations made to the Government that Government found the tank an urgent necessity?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Then why was it given up?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: The present Panchayat recommended the utilisation of that amount for communications.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: The two former Panchayats said that the tank was very necessary and the present Panchayat says that it is not necessary. Is it because that the President is a Chittur man, two members belong to Meenakshipuram some 12 miles away and 2 others belong to places 6 miles away from Pattancheri proper?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: All these facts have been brought to the notice of the Government, and the matter is under the consideration of Government.

EXCESS PROFITS AND INCOME-TAX ACTS—AMOUNT OF TAX EXPECTED TO BE COLLECTED

294. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state the amount of tax that the Government expect to collect by the operation of the new Income-tax Act and the Excess Profits Tax Act?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: A collection of about Rs. 1,50,000 is expected under "Income-tax and Super Tax" over and above possible collection under the old Act. The expected collection of Excess Profits Tax is Rs. 3,50,000.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, the approximate number of persons from whom this excess profits tax will be collected?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

A.R.P. OFFICER TO TRICHUR—APPOINTMENT OF

295. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether an A.R.P. Officer has been appointed to Trichur or to the northern taluks of the State; what are the qualifications of such an officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: An A.R.P. Officer has been appointed for Trichur. He was the Chief Warden, A.R.P. Service at Ernakulam, and was also in charge of the duties of the A.R.P. Officer, Ernakulam, while the latter went to Calcutta to take

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